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SOURCE CAMISE EVAL B-2.

1. ON 26 MARCH GRUNNER DINED WITH SIDNIKOV (SIHNIKOV), BERLIN TASS CHIEF. ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS SIDNIKOV STRONGLY STATED RUSSIAN PROPAGANDA LINE DESIGNED TO FORCE THE WESTERN ALLIES OUT OF BERLIN. IN CONTRAST AT THIS MEETING SIDNIKOV VERY MEAK. CLAIMED ACA INCIDENT LEFT RUSSIANS IN PREDICAMENT. CRITICIZED RUSSIAN LICENSED PRESS FOR HAVING OVER STRESSED INCIDENT AND NOT EMPHASIZING SOKOLOVSKY'S STATEMENT WALKOUT REFERRED TO THE ONE SPECIFIC MEETING.

2. SIDNIKOV STATES PRESENT PRESS DIRECTIVE IS PROPAGANDA ABOUT INFLUX. UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS INTO SOVIET ZONE FROM WEST WITH EMPHASIS RESULTING DIFFICULTIES FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

FIELD COMMENT: THIS PROPAGANDA ALREADY STARTED. RUSSIA LICENSED PAPERS HEADLINED PAST FEW DAYS SENSATIONAL STORIES INFLUX.

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OVER 80,000 REFUGEES FROM WEST AND ACTIVITIES ARMED BANDS COMING INTO SOVIET ZONE WITH BLESSING ALLIED AUTHORITIES.

3. FOR PREVIOUS MEETING GRUNNER AND SIDNIKOV SEE MGB 5604 BSC 899. CONSIDER POSSIBILITY SIDNIKOV FEEDING INFORMATION TO GRUNNER IN HOPE IT BE PASSED ON TO BRITISH VIA TELEGRAF. ACTUALLY TELEGRAF UNAWARE GRUNNERS RUSSIAN CONTACTS.

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